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1. THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CONVEYED THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL A TO ECONOMICS MINISTRY ENERGY CHIEF LANTZKE AND URGED THAT HE PROVIDE US WITH COMMENTS ON ITEMS 1-3 OF TERMS OF REFERENCE BY COB FRIDAY. LANTZKE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE US WITH THE FRG.S VIEWS UNTIL MONDAY, THE AGREED DEADLINE. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE US THE MATERIAL BY MONDAY NOON SO THAT WE COULD TRANSMIT IT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY EARLY MONDAY WASHINGTON TIME.

2. LANTZKE ABOUT FELL OUT OF HIS CHAIR AT THE MENTION OF A HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING ON FRIDAY MARCH 8. HE SNAPPED THAT THE GERMANS WOULD BE THERE BUT HE WOULDN'T AND ADDED THAT HE HAD AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING IN MUNICH THAT HE HAD TO ATTEND. AFTER CHECKING HIS APPOINTMENT CALENDAR, LANTZKE SAID HE COULD PERSONALLY ATTEND A HLG MEETING ON TUESDAY MARCH 12 AND HE ARGUED THAT IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO HOLD THE MEETING THEN SO THAT IT COULD BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE ECG MEETING THE NEXT DAY IN BRUSSELS.

3. LANTZKE CHARACTERIZED MONDAY'S ECG MEETING AS A SUCCESS. HE GAVE MOST OF THE CREDIT TO UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON WHO, HE SAID, TOOK MOST OF THE CONTENTION OUT OF THE MEETING BY NOT MENTIONING THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND BY MAKIT CLEAR THAT THE US WAS NOT INTENT ON EITHER CHAIRING OR HOSTING FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE GROUP. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, LANTZKE SAID HE WOULD PREFER A PERMANENT CHAIRMAN FROM ONE OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY CHRISTENSEN (DENMARK) AND DEPUY (CANADA). HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO PREFER A PERMANENT SITE FOR THE GROUP, MENTIONING BRUSSELS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AN OCCASIONAL MEETING COULD BE HELD ELSEWHERE IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE JAPANESE WANTED TO HOST ONE.
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